

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added or cancelled.

Claims 1, 7 and 16 are currently being amended.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4, 7-12 and 16-20 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 7-12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0010614 to Arrowood in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0072946 to Richardson. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

Presently pending independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that an e-mail address of the at least one new dispatchable temporary worker included in the matching dispatchable temporary worker information is also transmitted by said means for searching to said job offer terminal via said network, and wherein at least one e-mail is sent from said job offer terminal to the e-mail address of the at least one new dispatchable temporary worker and vice versa, in a contract negotiating phase. Such features are described, for example, on page 23, lines 15-20 of the specification, for example, whereby such features that allow e-mail-to-e-mail negotiations between a dispatchable temporary worker and a job offer site are not taught or suggested by either Arrowood or by Richardson, alone or in combination.

Presently pending independent claims 7 and 16 have each been amended in a manner similar to the amendments made to presently pending independent claim 1, and thus all of the presently pending claims under rejection are patentable over the cited art of record.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the final Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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